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NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)
AN ARIZONA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION)
FOR A FINDING OF FAIR VALUE OF ITS)
PROPERTIES AND A FAIR RETURN)
THEREON, AND FOR APPROVAL OF RATES)
CHARGES, AND FOR APPROVAL OF)
CHANGES TO ITS POLICY MANUAL)

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NOTICE OF SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY
ON BEHALF OF INTERVENOR
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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Intervenor, White Mountain Apache Tribe, respectfully files the attached surrebuttal testimony of Steven W. Ruback provided in response to rebuttal testimony of Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc. Because of the short document length, no table of contents is provided.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of October, 2001.

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SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF STEVEN W. RUBACK

The Columbia Group
785 Washington Street
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1 Q. Please state your name and address.

2 A. My name is Steven W. Ruback and my business address is 785 Washington
3 Street, Canton, Massachusetts.

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5 Q. Are you the same Steven Ruback who submitted direct testimony in this
6 proceeding?

7 A. I am.

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9 Q. What is the purpose of your surrebuttal testimony?

10 A. My surrebuttal testimony will provide additional support for the White Mountain
11 Apache Tribe's proposed revisions to the rate design sought by Navopache
12 Electric Cooperative and respond to rebuttal testimony filed by David W. Hedrick
13 on behalf of Navopache.

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15 Q. What is the unemployment level on the White Mountain Apache Tribe's
16 Reservation?

17 A. It is my understanding that the most recent assessments indicate an
18 unemployment rate of approximately 23% on the Tribe's Reservation.

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20 Q. How many individuals living on the Reservation fall below the poverty level?

21 A. It is my understanding that at present more than 50% of individuals living on the
22 Reservation live below the federal poverty level.

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1 Q. How do available fuel sources such as propane support Navopache's proposed
2 residential customer charge?

3 A. In my opinion they do not. The availability of other fuels such as propane is an
4 insufficient justification for the proposed residential customer charge increase of
5 more than 60%.

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7 Q. Does this conclude your surrebuttal testimony?

8 A. Yes, it does.

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